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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and MPEP 609, Applicant submits herewith the attached Form PTO-1449 "Information Disclosure Citation" citing the below patents.

**PATENTS**

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**REMARKS**

Consideration by the Examiner of each of the documents listed herein and on Form PTO-1449 is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next Official Communication.

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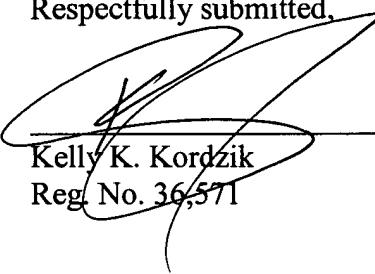
Applicant hereby submits that the claims of Applicant's above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

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